

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL DIGITAL ARCHIVE (NGDA)

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I. Objectives of the project:

- Create a new national federated network committed to archiving geospatial imagery and data.
- Investigate the proper and optimal roles of such a federated archive, with consideration of distant (dark) backup and migration, directly serving content to users, vs. referring requestors back to the originators of the data for copies or assistance, active or passive quality/integrity monitoring, application of metadata, federated searching, dissemination of metadata, etc.
- Collect and archive major segments of at-risk digital geospatial data and images.
- Develop best practices for the presentation of archived digital geospatial data.
- Develop partner communication mechanisms for the project and then ongoing.
- Develop a series of policy agreements governing retention, rights management, obligations of partners, interoperability of systems, and exchange of digital objects.

II. Technical architecture

III. Format registry

Purpose: create a registry of digital formats, used by ingested collections, for storing/communicating digital geospatial data; then populate it; use Wiki; interested experts to vet format documents

IV. Interface for NGDA: beta NGDA interface is at <http://clients.alexandria.ucsb.edu/ngda/> . Alexandria Digital Library Webclient interface is at <http://webclient.alexandria.ucsb.edu> .

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A Collaborative Initiative of The Library of Congress
The University of California at Santa Barbara,
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- Technical Architecture
- Format Registry
- Collection Development
- Rights & Responsibilities

From the first colonial maps to the 21st century, cartographic information has helped define and frame our view of the United States. Geospatial imagery is now a critical tool for state and federal researchers pursuing greater understandings of complex matters including: Disaster Relief, Census Data, and Land Use Management.

Recent NGDA Developments

NGDA Interface (Beta)



NGDA Interface Information

Concerned that millions of nationally important digital information resources are in danger of being lost or corrupted, the Library of Congress has formed The National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP).

As partners in the project the university libraries of UCSB and Stanford are leading the formation of the National Geospatial Digital Archive (NGDA), a collecting network for the archiving of geospatial images and data. They have partnered with eight institutions to begin a three year, \$15 million effort to begin construction of a nationwide digital collection and preservation system.

The objectives of the project are to:

- Create a new national federated network committed to archiving geospatial imagery and data.
- Investigate the proper and optimal roles of such a federated network with consideration of digital data backup and migration, digital preservation...

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The Format Registry Wiki is a community discussion forum for experts who understand the issues associated with long term preservation and access to digital geospatial data. Members discuss and refine documentation of geospatial data formats in order to ensure that each format has a comprehensive and reconstructible record prior to being ingested into the NGDA Format Registry. This Wiki is an integral part of the NGDA mission and it requires participation from community members who want to preserve geospatial data for future generations.

Anyone is welcome to browse the Wiki, but if you consider yourself to have expert knowledge of geospatial data formats please be an active participant; we need and value your input to the community. Please [email the administrator](#) to request a user account.

Contributing Editors should be sure to visit [The Process](#) to understand how this community operates and how the Wiki feeds in to the Format Registry.

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1. Collection to search Digital Data Libraries

Browse the selected collection or all collections. 2. Constraints If multiple constraints are specified, they should be...

- ANDed together ORed together

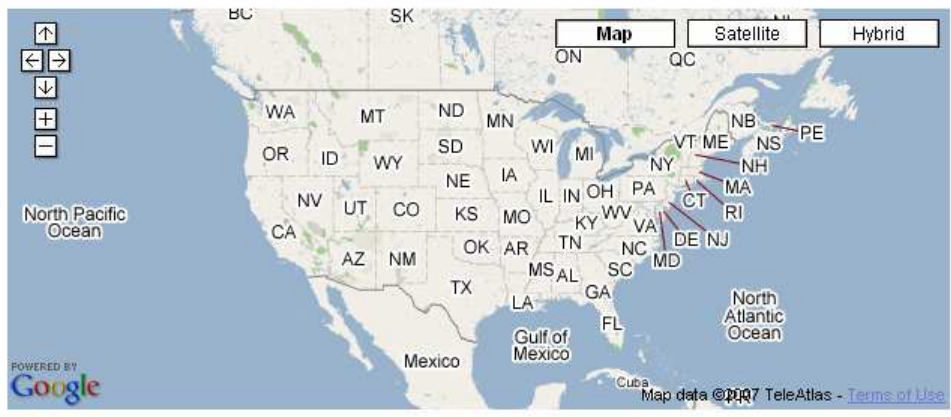
Geographic region Use the map to the right to set the geographic extent of the search, or directly enter bounding coordinates below.

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Time period Any time period Jan 01 1830 to Dec 31 2007

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Overview

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Quick Start:

In general, follow these steps to find a particular item or set of items.

- 1) **Select the collection** that you wish to search (from the lower left hand corner).
- 2) **Position the map** so that the area you wish to search is visible within the browser. You can use the zoom level chooser, the address locator, and/or drag either the main atlas or the overview map (in the lower right corner) to position the map.
- 3) Once items are visible, you can **adjust the size or opacity** of the thumb images if necessary (this is usually only necessary for non-tiling collections such as the "apframes" collection).
- 4) **Click on a thumb image** to bring up a larger browse image that also indicates the title of the item, and includes a button (marked "show") to display download and catalog information.
- 5) Pressing the "show" button will allow you to **choose a file for download**.

... The NGDA Collection Browser is a geospatial search engine for the collections of air photography, maps, and satellite imagery held at UCSB's Map and Imagery Laboratory.

- 1) The only way to search the collections is by location, either by dragging and zooming the map, or via the address finder toolbar.
- 2) Only one collection may be searched at once (although it is easy to switch collections).
- 3) Items are only visible when they fit on the screen, that is, are neither too small or too big to view.

On the other hand, after a few minutes of adjusting we hope that it is apparent that the ease of use of this interface should make up for those limitations, at least for most searches. Also be aware that, because of the number of images loading simultaneously, the browser can take up a significant amount of memory. So it is recommended that the user has a relatively fast computer and a fast internet connection. If necessary, the previous interface is still available and supported and can be found at <http://webclient.alexandria.ucsb.edu>. Also, if you are interested in creating your own interface based on the ADL middleware, please email NGDA collection manager Greg Hajic at hajic@library.ucsb.edu.

For questions, comments, or bugs dealing in particular with this *interface* (as opposed to the actual collections) please email the NGDA interface designer Angus Forbes at forbes@library.ucsb.edu.

Examples

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Example Search 1:

Howard, a map enthusiast, is interested in browsing the Landsat satellite imagery. He clicks on "landsat mosaic" (currently our only satellite imagery collection) and sees a number of images appear He uses the overview map in the right hand corner to drag more quickly over China. In the upper left hand corner, a zoom widget shows that there are 49 images available at this zoom-level (level 04), and 12 images available by zooming in to level 05. Because it would be too pixelated to see the thumbnails clearly, no images are available when zooming-in past level 05. Howard can click on any of the items to see a better resolution image of that item. Additionally, information becomes available as to the title of that item, how to download the archived version of the item, and how to view the complete metadata

